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DRAFT FY 1976 KEY INTELLIGENCE QUESTIONS

1. What are the prospects for progress, stagnation, or cooling in bilateral Soviet-US relations? How does the USSR evaluate the US as both adversary and partner, particularly in arms control negotiations, economic relations, and competition in major regions of the world?
2. How are the political alignments and policy priorities of the Soviet hierarchy and key interest groups developing as the USSR undertakes the 25th Party Congress and looks toward a post-Brezhnev era? What difference might the eventual departure of the Politburo seniors make in Soviet policymaking?
3. What are Soviet objectives and current policy:
 - a. Western and Southern Europe; Portugal merits special attention.
 - b. the Middle East, including attitudes and tactics toward an Arab-Israeli settlement or renewed hostilities; bilateral Soviet dealings with the major regional states; the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean theaters.
 - c. Asia in the post-Vietnam period.
4. In the Sino-Soviet relationship, what are the capabilities, intentions, and expectations of the two sides -- conflict, confrontation, accommodation, or continued uneasy stalemate?

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5. What is the importance to the Soviets of imported Western technology, and how successful are they in acquiring it? Particular importance attaches to technology having possible strategic utility.
30. How are political forces in Yugoslavia evolving, from the standpoints of internal cohesion and international alignment in the post-Tito period?

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